

inconsistent with the character. Mr. Whitcomb Cripps as *Hardy's* *Crook* is distinguished himself in *Elly Macdonald*, and his voice, which is sweet and sympathetic, although a little throaty, was heard to the best in this favorite. Mr. Palmer sang in his usual finished and artistic style, but the music for the part of *Myles* in *Coppola* was not quite congenial to him. As *Elly O'Connor* Miss Maudie Hare sang charmingly, although we have heard her in rather better voices. Miss Flo Morrison as *June* and *Chloe* and Miss Leamington as *Mrs. Grogan* gave a good account of the music that fell to them, the latter lady's voice especially being heard to a considerable advantage in the concerted pieces. The attempts at chorusing were about the poorest the Company has made, and in the *Hunting Chorus* we noticed one or two male voices of perfectly awful timbre that ought to be rigorously suppressed.

Of the acting, with the exception of that of Mr. Sheridan in the double part of *Corrigan* and *Shelley*, Miss Maudie Hare as *Elly O'Connor* and Miss Leamington as *Mrs. Grogan*, there is little to be said in the way of praise. Mr. Sheridan's wonderful versatility and skill as an actor, and the thoroughness with which he gives himself up to his work were again abundantly evident and richly deserved the warm approval which was bestowed on him. It would be difficult to say whether one preferred him as the grasping, scheming lawyer, or the jovial Irishman, for he was equally successful in both characters. "The *enferme*" which he called forth for his share of the *Guinevere* was well acted, for his singing was as full of character as everything else he did. Miss Hare was graceful and natural as the *Colon* *Davin* and spoke her lines with a charming brogue. The thoroughly conscientious and intelligent way in which Miss Leamington played her part, and the fact that she was well understood for her singing was as full of character as everything else he did.

Miss Flo Morrison gave a careful though somewhat stony impersonation of the part of *Ann* *Chute*. Mr. Whitcomb Cripps can hardly be said to have acted badly, because he did not act at all. His singing seemed to be his undivided attention, and although he undoubtedly sang well he would have done no harm by looking a little less like an automaton. Mr. Inman was not at all at home in the part of *Danny Mann* so far as acting was concerned although he honestly worked hard to make the best of it. Like the conscientious artist he is, Mr. Sutcliffe undertook the part of *Father Tom*, but he was not the genial warmhearted "prelate" he was simply Mr. Sutcliffe in clerical clothes. Miss Vera Paley gave an abbreviated account of the part of *Amy* *Levy* in a manner that was a perfect gem in the performance was the appearance of four anachronisms supposed to be soldiers. They were costumed several centuries too early, and accordingly looked very much out of place. We must in justice say, however, that this is the first season of the kind, and that the management, and the thrilling situation created by the attempted murder and the rescue of *Elly O'Connor* provoked a shout of merriment, caused by the third with which *Myles* in *Coppola* was heard to strike the bottom of the lake when he dived in after the heroine, and the extravagant manner in which he sang his aria, and his efforts to surface. The latter, however, was soon subdued and did not altogether spoil the effect of the tableau.

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made as practical as possible, and the numerous views made by the students to the Gardens show what interest Mr. Ford took in his work. The lecture on Chemistry by Mr. Ford was fully illustrated by practical work, and the students have been put through a practical course of chemistry in the laboratory of the College during the summer. Altogether the work of the College seems to be conducted in a thoroughly professional manner, whether of chemistry, physics, or mathematics. We find there are seven students in attendance at the College, but one or two are absent on family affairs and others have joined so recently that they are not yet available for examinations. The lectures speak in the highest terms of the discipline of the students, and report most favourably upon the smartness and ability of many of the pupils. We can see a great future in all this, and we are convinced that the energies of these responsible for the working of the College will be amply rewarded by turning out properly trained medical men in a few years more, ready to carry the leading art and modern science into the dark chaos of Chinese empiricism.

We append the questions—

BOTANY.—Examiners: Charles Ford, Esq., F.R.S., and T. Sampson, Esq.

1. What are the names given to the different divisions of plants in their classification?

2. What are the characteristics of the Monocotyledonous plants?

3. What are the characteristics of the Dicotyledonous plants?

4. What are the functions of the root, stem, leaves and flowers?

5. Give the names of the different tissues and state what you know in connection with each.

6. Of what does the food of plants consist? By what organs and in what state is it absorbed?

7. Explain the process of germination of a seed, and apply the correct names to each organ, and part of the plant after germination has taken place.

8. Give the names and meanings of the terms used in regard to leaves, under the following heads:—

a. As to duration.

b. As to division.

c. As to position.

d. As to insertion.

9. What is the meaning of the term inflorescence? Describe some different kinds of inflorescence.

10. What are the meanings of the following terms used in reference to flowers:—

a. Irregular.

b. Symmetrical.

c. Irregularly symmetrical.

d. Monococious.

e. Dioecious.

11. What is the name applied to that organ of a composite flower which corresponds to the calyx in other flowers, and explain the chief differences between composite and ordinary flowers.

12. Describe four different structures of the corolla.

13. Specify four different modes in which stamens are inserted, and state three methods of cohesion of stamens.

14. Describe the process of fertilization of a fertilized ovary.

15. Fill up the Schedules with accurate descriptions of the two kinds of flowers placed before you.

CHEMISTRY.—Examiners: William Taylor, Esq., and W. Edwards, Esq.

1. How do you prepare hydrogen gas? Make a sketch of the apparatus you would use and give an equation showing the reaction.

2. An ordinary wine bottle is capable of holding, at the ordinary temperature and pressure, the atmosphere, about 14 grains of nitrogen. What weight of hydrogen gas would, under the same conditions, fill six wine bottles?

3. How would you distinguish sulphate of magnesium from sulphate of zinc?

4. Explain the difference between a mechanical mixture and a chemical compound. Give examples.

5. Write the chemical formulae for the following substances:—

Potassium Iodide

Sodium Carbonate

Ammonium Chloride

Calcium Sulphate

Copper Sulphate

Corrosive Sublimation

Tartar Emetic

Calomel

Sugar of Lead

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ON THURSDAY, the 16th of August,
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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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LEAVES KOWLOON.	LEAVES HONGKONG.
6.00 A.M.	6.30 A.M.
6.45 "	7.00 "
7.30 "	7.45 "
8.00 "	8.15 "
8.45 "	9.00 "
9.15 "	9.30 "
9.45 "	10.00 "
10.15 "	10.30 "
10.45 "	11.00 "
11.15 P.M.	11.30 P.M.
12.45 "	1.00 "
1.30 "	1.45 "
2.00 "	2.15 "
2.30 "	3.00 "
3.30 "	4.00 "
4.15 "	4.30 "
4.50 "	5.10 "
5.25 "	5.40 "
6.00 "	6.15 "
6.45 "	7.00 "
7.15 "	

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fore arrive in London about eight days later
than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but
any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to
be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong
before 3 p.m. on the day before the de-
parture of the Mail. Those arriving from the
Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the
following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 25 cents per lb., which
includes Registration, and must be paid
in advance. No further charge is made
in the United Kingdom except for Customs
duties. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6
inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length
and girth combined. A receipt is given for
each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs
Declaration, which can be obtained free at
each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted
until this is completely and accurately
filled. The only articles ordinarily sent
from China which are liable to duty are
Tea, Tobacco, and Gold and Silver plate.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles
likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless
securely packed) or parcels easily crushed,
such as hand-boxes, are prohibited. No Par-
cel can be received if its value exceeds \$250.

A Parcel may contain a letter to the same
address as that of the Parcel itself, or au-
thorize Parcel to the same address. No
other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees
are requested to observe that the Parcel
Mail is not opened until the ordinary dis-
tribution of letters, &c., is finished. The
postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb.,
the Regulations are generally similar to the
above, and the Parcels are sent out via
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The Post Office is not legally responsible
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dence, but it is prepared to make good the
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passing through the Post, to the extent of
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conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed
in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the
Postmaster General of Hongkong immedi-
ately the loss was discovered, the envelope
being invariably forwarded with such ap-
plication unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satis-
fied that the loss occurred whilst the corre-
spondence was in the custody of the British
Postal administration in China, that it was
not caused by any fault on the part of the
sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck,
nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any
person not in the employment of the
Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere
damage to fragile articles such as portraits,
watches, handsomely bound books, &c.,
which reach their destination, although in
a broken or deteriorated condition.

Misprint or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been misprint
or delayed (both of which are liable to
happen occasionally) all that the addressee
need do is to note on the cover, Sent to
me, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case
may be, and forward it without any other
writing whatever, to the Postmaster
General. This should be acted on the first
time cause of complaint occurs; it is a
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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the

Harbour are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.

3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section.

7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.

8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.

9. From Kowloon Island to North Point.

10. Kowloon Wharves.

11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.

Flag and Rig.

Tons.

Date of Arrival.

Consignee or Agents.

Destination.

Remarks.

Steamers.

Anton 3 h. 2061 Aug. 12 12 Wier & Co.

Batavia 3 h. 1661 July 30 30 Adamson, Bell & Co.

Caribbe 3 h. 1635 Aug. 9 9 Adamson, Bell & Co.

Clara 3 h. 1073 Aug. 11 11 Morris & Ray

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Folien 3 h. 609 Aug. 11 11 Simonsen & Co.

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Glandower 3 h. 862 Aug. 11 11 Simonsen & Co.

Kong Bong 3 h. 1343 Aug. 8 8 Adamson, Bell & Co.

Lennox 3 h. 1707 Aug. 11 11 P. & O. S. N. Co.

Malva 3 h. 2080 Aug. 8 8 Adamson, Bell & Co.

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